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SR 316 INTERCHANGE PROJECT IN GWINNETT AND I-285 CONSTRUCTION HEADLINE THIS WEEKEND'S WORK

ATLANTA – Georgia DOT is warning motorists this weekend that I-285 across the top end and State Route 316 in Gwinnett County will be very busy as construction continues on two very heavily traveled highways in metro Atlanta, weather permitting. Heavy delays are expected in both directions on both of these roadway sections throughout the weekend.

On SR 316, traffic at SR 20 will be moved from its current location to temporary lanes on the outside of the current lanes. Overnight lane closures and traffic pacings are required beginning at 9 p.m. Saturday to have the traffic completely moved by Sunday morning. The shift is necessary in order to lower SR 316 through the SR 20 intersection which will save time and money by minimizing the SR 20 bridge structure that is currently under construction.

The SR 316 work is part of a \$37.4 million project to build one interchange or exit to allow traffic from State Route 316 to access State Route 20 or to access Collins Hill Road using a system of long ramps. The existing signalized intersections at State Route 20 and at Collins Hill Road will be removed as the interchange is finished. The project completion date is December 31, 2014 and the contractor is GP'S Enterprises, Inc. of Auburn.

On the top end of I-285, up to three lanes will be closed in both directions between Ashford Dunwoody Road and Paces Ferry Road for bridge joint replacements and guardrail work in several locations. Also, two right southbound lanes on I-285 will be closed on the west side near Bolton Road for concrete slab replacement.

On I-20 eastbound, just outside the perimeter in Dekalb County from Columbia Drive to Wesley Chapel Road, contractors plan a double right lane closure for pavement work.

Additionally, contractors will continue the construction of the bridges in the SR 400/I-85 interchange. Flagging operations on surface streets around the interchange and various lane closures on State Route 400 are expected to cause delays in the area so motorists should plan ahead to avoid the backups. The HOV ramps at I-85 and Lindbergh Drive also remain closed until mid July for work on the bridge columns for the interchange.

"Looks like a busy weekend; very different than last weekend when we were washed out," said GDOT District Construction Engineer Lee Upkins. "We just ask motorists to use caution as they travel in and around our work zones."

Here is a full list of this weekend's work in metro Atlanta:

Cobb, 2/15/13 to 2/25/13, 9pm till 5am, continuous

<u>I-285 WB/EB</u>, from MP 19 (Cobb Parkway) to MP 18 (Paces Ferry Road), one right lane closed for guardrail replacement.

Cobb, 2/15/13 to 2/25/13, 9pm till 5am, continuous

<u>I-285 NB</u>, MP 18 (Paces Ferry Road) to MP 20 (I-75), one right lane closed for guardrail replacement.

Douglas, 3/2/01, 8:30am till 5pm

SR5 SB, from MP 14 (Gurley Rd) to MP 11 (Amber Dr), lane closed with a moving closure for crack sealing operations.

Fulton, 5/4/12 to 1/31/13, 9am till 3pm, daily

<u>Sidney Marcus Blvd EB/WB</u>, from MP 1 (GA 400) to MP 2 (Buford Hwy), Left lane affected with flagging operations for construction activities.

Fulton, 5/4/12 to 12/31/13, 9am till 3pm, daily

SR 13 NB/SB, from MP 2 (I-85) to MP 3 (Lenox Road), one outside lane closed with flagging operations to support construction activities.

Fulton, 1/7/13 to 6/30/13, 9am till 5pm, daily

<u>Deering Road EB</u>, about MP 0 (Peachtree Street), **DEERING ROAD CLOSED** for construction on the Amtrak Station.

Fulton, 1/22/13 to 7/22/13, 7pm till 5am, continuous

<u>I-85 NB/SB</u>, form MP 0 to MP 0.25 (Lindbergh Drive), HOV Ramp closed on to construct bridge bent #11.

Fulton, 1/12/13 to 12/31/13, 7pm till 5:30pm, weekly

<u>Sidney Marcus Blvd EB/WB</u>, from MP .5 to MP 1 (Sidney Marcus Blvd), road closed on Saturdays only for construction activities.

Fulton, 1/12/13 to 12/28/13, 7am till 5:30 pm, weekly

<u>Cheshire Bridge Road EB/WB</u>, from MP 0 to MP 0.25 (Sheridan Road), Road Closed on Saturdays only for construction activities.

Fulton, 1/12/13 to 12/28/13, 7am till 3:30pm, weekly

SR 13 NB, from MP 0 to MP 0.25 (Lenox Road), road closed on Saturdays only for construction activities.

Fulton, 1/24/13 to 4/8/13, 9am till 4pm, daily

<u>Danforth Road EB</u>, from 0.13 (New Hope Road to MP 0.68 (Rehoboth Circle), one right lane closed for construction activities.

Fulton, 2/7/13 to 3/8/13, 9am till 4pm

<u>Joseph Lowery Blvd</u>, from MP 2.84 (Park Street) to MP 2.53 (Westview Drive), one right lane closed for sidewalk construction.

Fulton, 2/15/13 to 2/25/13, 9pm till 5am, continuous

<u>I-285 EB</u>, from MP 25 (Roswell Rd) to MP 28 (Peachtree Dunwoody Rd), three left lanes closed bridge joint repair.

Fulton, 2/14/13 to 7/22/13, 9am till 3:30pm

SR 236 WB, from MP 1 (Armand Drive) to MP 1.5 (Adina Drive), one lane flagging operation for equipment entering and exiting the roadway.

Fulton, 2/18/13 to 3/2/13, 8pm till 5am

GA 400 NB, from MP 2.5 (Sidney Marcus Blvd) to MP 3 (Lenox Road), one ramp lane closed for bridge construction.

Fulton, 2/25/13 to 3/18/13, 7pm till 4am, nightly

<u>I-85 SB</u>, from MP 76 (Cleveland Ave) to MP 57.2 (Collingsworth Rd), one left lane closed (moving right) for installing RPM's along the interstate.

Fulton, 3/1/13 to 3/29/13, 9:30am to 3:30pm

Mt Paran Rd SB, about MP 256 (Northside Parkway), one right lane closed for clearing, grubbing, and hauling operations.

Fulton, 3/2/13, 1am till 9:30pm

<u>I-285 SB</u>, about MP 13 (Bolton Road), two right lanes closed for slab replacement.

Fulton, 3/2/13, 7am till 6pm

<u>GA 400 SB</u>, from MP .6 (Sidney Marcus Blvd) to MP 0 (I-85), one right lane closed for working on bridge spans.

DeKalb, 5/14/12 to 4/30/13, 9am till 4pm, daily

SR 42 SB, from MP 13.17 (North Druid Hills Road) to MP 13.12 (Briarcliff Road), right shoulder closed for construction activities.

DeKalb, 2/8/13 to 3/4/13, 8pm till 5am

<u>I-20 EB</u>, from MP 66 (Columbia Drive) to MP 68 (Wesley Chapel Road), two right lanes closed for construction of shoulder and other construction activities.

DeKalb, 2/15/13 to 3/4/13, 9pm till 5am, nightly **I-285 WB**, from MP 29 (Ashford Dunwoody Road) to MP 26 (Glenridge Road), three left lanes closed bridge joint repair.

Motorists can access real-time, statewide, route-specific information on accidents, road work, traffic and weather conditions through **Georgia 511** - a free phone service. By dialing 511, callers also can transfer to operators to 24 hours a day to report incidents or request assistance. The system can be used to access transit providers, major airports, rideshare organizations, tourism information and 511 systems in surrounding states. Additionally, 511 is available online. Georgia DOT partners with sponsors for assistance in funding 511, thereby preserving tax dollars and helping sustain critical services. For more information about 511, visit 511ga.org. For information on the Department of Transportation, visit http://www.dot.ga.gov; you also may follow Georgia DOT on Facebook(http://www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT) and Twitter (http://twitter.com/qadeptoftrans).

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